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Annual Meeting Brings Delegates, Ministers, and Youth

What a Conference! That is being said by those who have had the chance to look through a copy of the printed programs which are now being circulated through the churches. Surely October 16, 17, 18, 1942 will go down as red-letter days in Northern California Congregational history. Our host church will be the Grace United Church of the Mission in San Francisco, with its beautiful, commodious and historic building.

Here are some of the treats that are in store for those who attend:

ADDRESSES

Bishop James C. Baker.....“The Church Militant”
Mr. Ronald Bridges.....“Assets of Catastrophe”
Miss Pattie Lee Coghill.....“A Southerner Looks at the South”
Rev. Douglas Horton.....“Brave Crillon and We”
Supt. Harley H. Gill.....“Imperatives of Our Day”
Supt. Nelson C. Dreier.....“The Church of the Future”
Mr. Galen Fisher.....“Larger Issues Thrown Into Relief by the Evacuation”

WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Douglas Horton.....“The Front Line Christian—His Equipment —His Obedience—His Plan of Action—His Victory”

CONFERENCE SERMON

Rev. A. C. McGiffert, Jr.....“Master or Friend”

SYMPOSIUMS

“Our Mountain Rim”.....Rev. P. N. Bennett, Rev. John G. Dickey, Rev. Theodore Schulz
“Message of Christianity in Time of War”.....Rev. John C. Bennett, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Augustine Jones

PANEL DISCUSSION

“The Church in Action in War Time”....Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Rev. Robert W. Inglis, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Mr. Gordon Foster, Mr. Scott Haymond

SIMULTANEOUS SEMINARS

“Pastoral Work in War Time”....Rev. Holland F. Burr, Rev. Ralph V. Conard, Rev. John H. Gregg
“Missions in War Time”.....Rev. A. C. Hacke, Mr. Albert C. Hausske, Rev. Clarence Gillett
“New Trends in Christian Education”....Rev. Verdette Walters, Rev. T. Davis Preston, Rev. W. W. Meyer, Mrs. W. B. Buckham, Mrs. Alex Johnson, Miss Alice English, Miss Mae Baudin, Rev. Edward Reighard, Rev. Fred R. Morrow.

There will be special occasions for women, laymen, ministers, Pilgrim Fellowship young people, and young adults, as outlined in other columns.

At the memorial service under the leadership of Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the Conference will remember with gratitude the lives of Rev. George E. Atkinson, Rev. Norman Henderson, Rev. J. J. Kelly, Rev. John H. Kimball, Rev. Wilfred Withington, and Rev. F. J. Wacker. The Conference communion service will be under the leadership of Rev. John H. Gregg. There will be a beautiful musical program Sunday afternoon by the Mission High School a capella choir, and the choir of Grace United Church will sing on other occasions.

In addition to the regular voting delegates and the ministerial members, a quota of non-voting delegates has been assigned to each church. The modest registration fee of $1 is requested from all delegates and ministers in order to care for certain necessary expenses and the mileage fund to make possible the attendance from churches far as well as near.

The Conference supper at 5:30 on Sunday evening will be a climax both of the fellowship and the program. Reservations for this supper and for the luncheons on Saturday noon (which are mentioned in other columns) must be in the hands of the pastor, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, 580 Capp Street, San Francisco, by Thursday, October 15.

There will be three business sessions at which reports of officers and committees will be heard, recommendations adopted, and new officers elected. The program committee consists of Moderator V. V. Loper; Vice-President and Chairman of the Laymen's Commission, George B. Martin; President of the Federation of Congregational Women, Mrs. Scott Haymond; Superintendent Harley H. Gill, and the pastor of the entertaining church, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord.

The Laymen's Commission which is sponsoring the holding of the Conference on a week-end, is now challenging the laymen of the churches to take advantage of the opportunity by attending, especially on Saturday and Sunday. They will find the program for the entire two days of great interest, and will meet as laymen on three separate occasions.

At 12:30 o'clock Saturday noon, they will gather for luncheon at Trinity Center Presbyterian Church, 23rd and Capp Streets, two short blocks south of Grace United Church. Mr. Peirce Coombes of Redwood City, member of the Commission, will preside, and the address will be given by Mr. Ronald Bridges, member of the National Laymen's Commission and Chairman of the Missions Council. His subject will be "These Things I Do." Mr. Bridges comes from Sanford, Maine, and Tempe, Arizona. He is a brother of Senator Bridges of New Hampshire. He is an exceedingly able speaker.

At five o'clock on Saturday, in the parlor of the first floor back, the members of the Laymen's Commission will meet with key men from the churches, when the duties of key men will be discussed and plans for men's clubs in churches outlined.

On Sunday morning at 9:30, the laymen will again meet in the parlor with Mr. George W. Moore, Jr., of Petaluma, presiding. Rev. Douglas Horton, Minister of the General Council, will speak and answer questions. Mr. George B. Martin, Chairman of the Laymen's Commission and Vice-Moderator of the Conference, has served on the program committee.

Laymen should make reservations for the luncheon Saturday noon, price of which will be 75 cents, through their pastors so that the reservations may reach Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, 580 Capp Street, San Francisco, by Thursday, October 15.

Youth Sunday

Pilgrim Fellowship young people for the second time in our history will have a definite part in the program of the annual meeting of the State Conference. On Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock, they will come to the joint session for all groups when Pattie Lee Coghill will speak on "A Southerner Looks at the South." At 4 o'clock they will walk to the Trinity Center Church at 23rd and Capp Streets, two short blocks south, taking Miss Coghill with them. There will be community singing and a service of worship, and then Miss Coghill in her own attractive way will talk to the young people about the youth among whom she has worked in the southeast.

At 5:30 the Pilgrim Fellowship young people will return to the Grace United Church for the Conference supper, having special tables reserved for them. Ted Winslow, President of the northern California Pilgrim Fellowship, who will preside at the 4 o'clock session, and Past President Joanna Wilder, will be at the speakers' table at the supper, and Ted will speak briefly on "Pilgrim Fellowship."

The price of the supper will be 60 cents per plate. Reservations should be made through the pastors of the churches, to reach Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, 580 Capp Street, San Francisco, not later than Thursday, October 15.

Look at This!

Those who are faint hearted about the future of missionary work and its financial support in time of war would do well to study what our English and Canadian brethren have accomplished, and this in the face of income taxes that make ours look like a mere bagatelle. The United Church of Canada has liquidated one million dollars out of a debt of one million seven hundred thousand. The London Missionary Society, which is the foreign missionary board of our Congregational churches in the British Isles, closed its books with a surplus of two thousand pounds, and used that to help Finnish missions.

WOMEN AT CONFERENCE

Instead of having a special meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women in connection with the State Conference, Congregational women of northern California have decided to have certain programs and activities as members of the Conference. A large number of women will gather for luncheon Saturday noon in the main social hall of the Grace United Church, with Mrs. Donald F. Gaylord presiding. Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Field Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, of New York, will be the speaker, using as her theme, "A Visit to the Schools, Hospitals and Churches of the Southeast."

On Sunday morning at 9:30 women will again gather, this time in the sanctuary of the Grace United Church, with Mrs.

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ENCOURAGING

The fiscal year of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions closed with a deficit of $9,700 after the sum of $39,178 had been set aside for travel expense of those who were scheduled to go to their fields last year but who will have to go in subsequent years, in addition to the expense of those who would normally go in those years. The deficit is cared for out of a surplus brought forward from last year. The support from the churches showed an increase of 4 per cent over the previous year, but gifts from individuals were slightly less. The Board today has actively at work 212 missionaries in Africa, Free China, India, Ceylon, Turkey, Syria, and Mexico. There are 19 missionaries in North China and 16 in the Philippines, some of whom are able to carry on

LAYMEN'S E.M.C. SCHOOLS

After reviewing the returns from a postcard inquiry, which had been sent out during August, the Laymen's Commission has decided that it is inadvisable to carry through the original plan of eight schools for the Every Member Canvass. In a number of areas there did not seem to be sufficient interest among our churches to warrant the time and effort. In two localities, however, the Upper Bay Association and the Santa Clara Association, there was evidence of a real desire to have such assistance. Dates have not been definitely fixed, but there will be schools to which boards of trustees, finance committees, and canvassers will be invited, each school lasting one full evening. One will probably be at Pittsburg and the other at Palo Alto, late in October or early November. A special committee on arrangements has been appointed, consisting of George B. Martin, Peirce Coombes, Harold Avery, and Superintendent Gill.

BOOKS TO LEND

The Charles Holbrook Library of the Pacific School of Religion now offers to ministers a loan service by mail, whereby each minister may borrow free of charge the very best in current and older religious literature. For more information and a select list of current books available address a card to the Librarian, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California.

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STILL AHEAD

Still ahead of last year, although not quite as much as a month ago. This is in line with national reports which show improved giving throughout the denomination. This reflects not only the better financial conditions of our churches, but a determination that the work of our Christian churches shall not falter. Only three months remain now of the apportionment year. While gathering the money for this year, our churches will want to consider carefully the stepping up of goals for the coming year.

Church	Sep. 1942	Jan. 11 to Sep.30,'42	Jan. 11 to Sep.30,'41
Adin	$	$ 11.47	$ 18.63
Alameda	200.00	430.29	202.50
Alturas	.....	26.74	12.05
Angels Camp	37.50	115.00	114.50
Antioch	.....	42.05	45.71
Auburn	10.00	103.07	70.00
Benicia	.....	30.00	30.00
Berkeley—			
Chinese	.....	.....	25.00
First	350.59	3,785.55	3,670.32
Kensington	.....	20.00	.....
North	46.10	346.85	384.27
Park	15.93	47.80	51.92
Callahan	.....	.....	5.13
Campbell	.....	146.00	148.00
Cedarville	.....	65.00	100.00
Cloverdale	13.45	49.20	48.41
Cotati	17.30	86.65	43.29
Crockett	.....	79.69	77.01
Etna	.....	5.32	6.85
Eureka	61.07	304.90	240.18
Fairfax	.....	15.00	15.00
Ferndale	84.75	307.89	266.26
Fresno—			
First	100.00	489.32	311.42
Japanese	.....	35.00	10.00
Pilgrim	.....	68.08	110.00
Glen Ellen	.....	.....	20.00
Guerneville	.....	.....	6.00
Hayfork	.....	.....	5.00
Hayward	.....	150.00	100.00
Kenwood	.....	6.10	3.00
Lodi, First	.....	710.00	780.00
Loomis	20.00	30.71	25.91
Martinez	12.66	247.16	323.25
Murphys	.....	81.00	81.00
Niles	.....	.....	8.70
Oakland—			
First	440.00	4,085.00	3,827.00
Fruitvale	.....	30.00	26.28
Japanese	.....	10.00	.....
Pilgrim	3.00	33.17	31.69
Plymouth	59.14	637.48	560.04
Oroville	.....	25.00	33.09
Pacific Grove	.....	135.49	169.88
Palo Alto	250.00	1,003.85	558.50
Paradise	25.00	175.00	154.00
Parlier	.....	10.00	10.00
Penngrove	11.15	35.15	19.66
Pescadero	2.50	5.00	2.50
Petaluma	.....	367.27	488.88
Pittsburg	22.02	112.81	112.25
Port Chicago	.....	8.12	.....
Porterville	.....	160.00	280.00
Redwood City	300.00	522.95	381.89
Reedley	.....	.....	5.00
Rio Vista	.....	.....	112.50
Ripon	15.07	147.65	108.24
Sacramento	.....	483.24	571.43
Salida	.....	50.00	20.00
San Carlos	9.00	76.40	47.74
San Francisco—			
Bethany Mission Park	5.00	174.83	166.38
First	159.91	953.98	1,602.92
Ocean View	.....	65.00	60.00
Richmond	75.00	75.00	75.00
San Jose	40.00	500.20	455.71
San Leandro	.....	54.06	54.12
San Mateo	113.36	595.72	570.06
San Rafael	.....	40.00	30.00
Santa Cruz	60.00	450.00	485.00
Santa Rosa	9.00	108.00	109.25
Saratoga	.....	350.45	190.39
Sebastopol	.....	102.27	130.47
Sonoma	.....	76.31	69.90
Soquel	.....	50.00	75.00
Stockton	57.52	384.24	451.25
Suisun	25.00	75.00	89.10
Sunnyvale	.....	37.50	4.95
Sunol	.....	.....	25.00
Tulare	.....	308.50	370.00
Weaverville	.....	122.00	75.00
Woodside	.....	30.00	34.00
Reno, Nevada	69.71	275.66	321.38
Misc. and Individual...	.50	1,462.55	1,399.43
	$2,721.23	$22,240.69	$21,724.19

Visit to Modoc

Mrs. Scott Haymond, president of the Federation of Congregational Women, Rev. Verdette Walters of Martinez, and Superintendent and Mrs. Harley H. Gill made a trip to Modoc County during the last few days of September.

En route they were met at Redding by Rev. and Mrs. P. N. Bennett of Weaverville, in order to discuss the work of our churches in Trinity County.

Two of our churches in Modoc County are without pastors at present, Adin and Cedarville. The entire group met with interested persons at Adin one evening, and then on Sunday Mr. Walters conducted services there, and took first steps in setting up a young people's group. Mrs. Haymond and Mr. Walters met with groups of women and Sunday School teachers in Alturas, and Superintendent Gill gave an address at a potluck dinner in the evening. Superintendent Gill also preached at Cedarville and met with the church in business session.

Mrs. Haymond installed the officers of the women's group at Alturas, and the entire team visited Likely, where Mr. Walters preached. The Likely church has sold a portion of its property and is gathering a fund for renovation of the building.

Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Schulz of Alturas made the arrangements for the visit of the team, and served as most gracious hosts.

REV. JOHN JOSEPH KELLY

Rev. John Joseph Kelly passed on to the better life on Sunday morning, September 27, at Soquel, California, where he had made his home, with the exception of a few months, since 1924. Mr. Kelly was born in London, England, July 14, 1856. He was a Roman Catholic and received part of the training for the priesthood, but became a Protestant and has had a long and useful ministry in the United States. For ten and a half years he served Free Baptist churches and for twelve years in the Free Methodist Church, coming to California in 1912. He became pastor at the Ripon Congregational Church, where he remained for seven years. This was followed by five years at Lockeford and six years at Soquel, making a total active ministry of more than forty years. A number of years ago he was made pastor emeritus of the Soquel church.

Some years after the death of his first wife he married again, and is survived by his widow, who has ministered to him faithfully in his declining years. Mr. Kelly will be remembered as a man of ready wit, keen mind, and deep devotion.

CLERGY FARES

Word has come from our national transportation bureau that effective September 1, clergy fares will be one-half of the first class fare only. It will no longer be one-half of the tourist or coach fare rates.

HIP WO ELECTS MRS. KRICK

The Board of Directors of the Hip Wo School has elected Mrs. E. V. Krick as president, to succeed Supt. Harley H. Gill, who has served for a total of more than ten years. Mrs. Krick has taken an exceedingly active interest in the school, and with the assistance of her husband has been instrumental in securing a great deal of equipment for the school. It is interesting to note that her father along with the father of Miss Helen Perkins, who is also a member of the Board, was in the group that originally started the school that was a fore-runner of this great enterprise.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP OPENS NEW YEAR

The Pilgrim Fellowship opens a year of greater achievement than ever before. The new officers which were elected at Zephyr Point have had their first meeting, with Ted Winslow of Oroville and Santa Rosa in the chair.

Preliminary plans have been made for a mid-winter young people's conference. The young people plan to take advantage of the fact that the state Conference will be held on a week-end, and will be out in full force Sunday afternoon, according to the plan outlined in another column. A goal of $600 for the missionary projects has been adopted. It has been definitely decided that until April 1st 22 per cent of the money coming in toward the goal will go for the support of Albert Faurot in China, 24 per cent for Pleasant Hill Academy in Tennessee, and the remainder for Plymouth House in Berkeley and Calaveras County. About $300 in tentative pledges for these projects were obtained at the summer conferences. It is expected that the full $600 will be secured by additional pledges and by gifts which came in during the spring and summer.

It is hoped that former state officers will assume chairmanships of the various departments, work for which was outlined at the national gathering at Deering, N. H., which was attended by past president Joanna Wilder and the incoming president, Ted Winslow.

ROBERT MICKEY ORDAINED

At the Plymouth Congregational Church, Oakland, on September 9, an ecclesiastical council was convened to examine Mr. Robert Mickey as to his fitness for the Christian ministry. Mr. Mickey is a graduate of the University of Denver and of Pacific School of Religion. He had previously passed the examination of the Conference Committee on Ministerial Standing. The council organized with the election of Rev. Clarence F. Reidenbach as Moderator and Rev. Miles B. Fisher as Scribe. Following a paper which impressed the council as one of the finest heard on such an occasion, Mr. Mickey was questioned, and then it was unanimously voted that he be ordained. After a dinner served by Plymouth Church, the ordination took place. There was special music by members of the Plymouth choir. Invocation was offered by Rev. J. Ford Forsyth; the scripture was read by Mr. Gordon L. Foster; sermon was preached by Rev. John C. Bennett. The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. A. C. McGiffert, Jr., and the charge to the minister was given by Rev. Robert Inglis. The right hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. Vere V. Loper. Plymouth Church presented Mr. Mickey with a token of appreciation of his services during the past two years. The day following, Mr. Mickey left with his bride for Yale University, where he will take post graduate work, but will visit his parents en route.

JAPANESE CHURCHES RELOCATED

The present indications are that the constituency of the Fresno Japanese Church is to be divided. The fifty or more families formerly living in the country east of Fresno were taken in the last evacuation to Arizona. The sixty families that were placed in the assembly center last May are soon to go to Arkansas. Rev. Tatsuo Sakaguchi is in this group.

Probably by the time this issue of The Pacific reaches the readers the members of the Oakland Japanese Church, with the 8000 who have been in Tanforan Assembly Center, will have been transferred to the relocation center in Abraham, Utah.

The Board of Home Missions and the superintendents of the areas to which these Japanese have gone have been notified and requested to take responsibility for such religious leadership as our denomination ought to give.

PASTORS TO GATHER AT CONFERENCE

On two separate occasions during the State Conference, ministers will have the opportunity to fellowship together and to gain something of encouragement and value for their difficult task.

Saturday at noon the ministers will have luncheon together in the parlor of Grace United Church, at the rear of the first floor, when our Minister and Secretary of the General Council, Rev. Douglas Horton, will speak using the theme "Information Please," and answer questions.

Again Sunday morning at 9:30 the ministers will gather in the parsonage, next door west of the church, and be led by Rev. Lucius F. Reed of Auburn, who recently came to California from a notable pastorate lasting a quarter of a century in Boulder, Colo. His theme will be: "This Fellowship to Which We Belong."

Reservations for the luncheon on Saturday should be sent by the ministers to Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, 580 Capp Street, San Francisco, to reach him not later than Thursday, October 15. Price of the luncheon will be 75 cents.

SUMMER AT PLYMOUTH HOUSE

At the close of the summer term, Plymouth House at the University of California had a membership of 134, with nine young people ready to unite with the church on World Communion Sunday. A splendid series of seminars on "Prayer" demonstrated the religious thinking of the young people.

The dinner of the youth organization was held on October 4, the principal address being given by Prof. J. S. Prentice of Middlebury College, Vt. While the enrollment at the University for the fall term is an uncertain quantity, it is expected that it will be larger than the summer term.

Right through the summer, service men as well as students have been welcome. A total of 422 had registered on a recent date. In spite of the loss of some of last year's stars, the Plymouth House basketball team, which won the city trophy a year ago, is preparing for a new season.

BERKELEY, NORTH. The Summer Sunday school held open house on September 13 and displayed the results of their work, including a shadow theatre presenting the life of Moses. All the scenery, script, costumes, figures, etc., were made by the students. The Church Council has been reorganized to meet several times a year as a policy-making body. During the vacation of the pastor, Rev. Pierson Parker, the pulpit was supplied by Dr. C. A. Stanley and Rev. Henry Stauffer.

FAIRFAX. At the beginning of his third year of service, Rev. William W. Meyer presented to his church council a very careful inventory of the condition of the church, with a resume of its successes and failures. He outlined possible lines of progress for the coming months, challenging his people to give careful study to the plan. A community visitation was held on September 20 and rally day on the Sunday following.

SOQUEL. Attendance at morning worship during the summer has been gratifying. The pastor, Rev. T. Davis Preston, has announced a series of sermons on "The Bible, The Fountain of Life." Religious Education Week was observed September 27 to October 4.

ALAMEDA. The church school is adding two classes this fall, one for nursery children and the other for an adult group. Rev. Ralph V. Conrad is pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SARATOGA. The dedication of the beautiful new educational and recreational wing of the church was held on Sunday, September 20. The architecture corresponds with that of the earlier units of the building, and construction was of a permanent nature. The unit has two floors, the lower having club and game rooms and the upper several Sunday School department rooms. The cloister, along one side of the new unit and added to one section of the former building, adds to the attractiveness and makes accessible every part of the plant. The building as it now stands is "u" shaped, and will have an attractive court in the center. Pledges and cash contributions were most encouraging, and on the evening of the dedication gave promise of being sufficient to cover every obligation, aside from a modest loan and grant from the Building Society.

The dedication sermon was preached by Supt. Harley H. Gill, and Secretary Galen Lee Rose of the Christian Churches of Northern California led in the act of dedication. Rev. Burton Palmer, who had been pastor at Saratoga for ten years, brought greetings and gave reminiscences. Great credit is due to Rev. Fred R. Morrow, and the people of Saratoga for carrying through this project in a time of uncertainty and rising costs.

REDWOOD CITY. Prof. J. S. Prentice of Middlebury College, Vermont, member of the national Council for Social Action, was guest speaker on Sunday, September 20. The social hall has been re-equipped with twelve large dining tables, the material for which was furnished by the Women's Guild and the labor by several trustees. New officers of the Pilgrim Fellowship were installed in an impressive candlelight ceremony. Much splendid Red Cross and social service work is being cared for by the ladies of the church. Plans are under way for the 80th anniversary dinner in November. Rev. Charles E. Ward is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The forthcoming State Conference is to be held in this church, and committees are at work in preparation. Evening services were resumed early in September. A new junior college-age Mission Fellowship of Youth is in process of organization. Mr. William Keeney, junior student at Pacific School of Religion, has been secured to assist the pastor, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, and Miss Alice English in the Children's Project. This summer's "Christian Adventure Camp," was pronounced the "best ever."

SANTA CRUZ. Three new members have been received. A new pulpit platform has been installed, the work being done by members of the church. The women's groups have started their fall work, most of them having continued their meetings during the summer season. Rev. H. S. Mahood, the pastor, was welcomed as vacation preacher in the Whittier Congregational Church this past summer.

BENICIA. A vacation church school held late in the summer had an average attendance of 45. The church school has been departmentalized, and will move forward under its new set-up beginning with Rally Day. Attendance has almost doubled. Rev. Isaac Fleming is the pastor, and Miss Grace Kendrick his assistant.

GUERNEVILLE. Plans are being made for at least two forward steps, with more to follow. One is the redecoration of the church, and the other the formation of a local Pilgrim Fellowship group. Mr. Alfred Focht, the pastor, also serves the Monte Rio Community Church.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. During the absence of the pastor, Rev. Robert W. Inglis, the pulpit was occupied by Mr. Paul Sutley and Mr. Robert Mickey. The Plymouth Center Well Baby Clinic has reopened after a month's vacation. The children of the Church School joined children of the community in a weekday experience of Christian development at the Play Club meetings this summer. Devotion, Christian fellowship, and "service" were elements in the varied activity program. Instead of one full-time director of religious education this year, there will be a team of four young people from the Pacific School of Religion, Mr. Paul Sutley, Miss Dorathea Darch, Mr. Robert Carlson, son of the Oregon Conference superintendent, and Mr. Richard Noss. Alterations, redecoration, and a new hardwood floor have transformed the entrance to Plymouth Center into a large beautiful reception hall.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Despite the closing of the mines and the exodus of people to defense areas, the starting of the fall work has not been without encouragement, attendance at church being on a par with last year. The J.O.Y. Club, the young people's society, has made a good start, and the pastor, Rev. John G. Dickey, is again organizing a Live Oaks Club for junior boys. At White Pines, which is a growing community, Sunday School work has again been started and worship services will soon be held. Mr. and Mrs. Dickey go up and down the county helping wherever needed, and also do their share in war work.

CAMPBELL. The Education Committee of the church arranged a camp of five days at Camp Toyon for as many young people as were free from their jobs. Thirty attended, with eight adults for cook service and faculty. A fine spirit prevailed and the studies on the New Testament teachings were well received. The Woman's Guild will give a dinner and program to help in paying the remaining debt on the organ. Beginning October 4 the Methodist and Congregational churches will unite for Sunday evening worship programs, using each church building alternately. Rev. J. H. Bennett is the pastor.

WEAVERVILLE. After a month's vacation, the pastor, Rev. P. N. Bennett, reports that church attendance has been encouraging with new people coming. The Sunday School has been increasing each week up to Rally Day. Two young ladies of the High School faculty have consented to sponsor the Pilgrim Fellowship, planning to use the whole evening on Sundays, a devotional hour with discussion followed by a social hour to promote fellowship. The church will observe World Communion Sunday, and Family Sunday a week later.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. The pastor, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, has been preaching a series of sermons on "Scientific Religion." At the end of each sermon devotional cards and information sheets were distributed for use during the week. At a Men's Club (ladies' night) dinner Rev. Sidney H. Buckham of San Mateo lectured and showed pictures of Hawaii.

OROVILLE. At an outdoor get-together in August, Ted Winslow, Conference President of Pilgrim Fellowship, and Joy Drobish brought "flashes from the Tahoe conference," and Mr. A. H. Land spoke on "The Church Through the Decades." Rev. C. C. Champlin, pastor, writes, "The fall opens with vigor and promise; we hope to make it the best fall in years."

FRESNO, FIRST. The choir and the pastor, Rev. John H. Gregg, conducted the West Coast Church of the Air over the Pacific network of the Columbia Broadcasting System, at eight o'clock, Sunday morning, September 27. The Sunday School sponsored the junior department of the Japanese Sunday School in the assembly center, providing for mimeograph helps, and also shared with the church in the expense of sending Prof. J. Fred McGrew to the Institute of International Relations at Mills College. As in years past, Mr. Gregg has conducted a sermon poll among his people to determine the most helpful sermons preached during the previous year. Each sermon drew at least one vote, but every person voted for one of the four that received the highest number of votes. Many suggestions for future sermons were received.

LODI. During his attendance at the Sylvan Dale School, Rev. A. R. Boone obtained a quantity of alabaster, from which he fashioned a number of beautiful crosses. One of these has been placed in a small worship center, also built by the pastor and placed in the rear of the church, to invite weekday pause for prayer and meditation.

Plans are being made for future beautifying and decoration of the church auditorium when priorities permit. The Women's Association is making preparations for the annual rummage sale which is the only money-making project of the group this year. An adequate supply of new Pilgrim Hymnals have been purchased from the bequest of the lifelong member, Mr. W. J. Robinson.

ANTIOCH. Weekly bulletins include orders of service for both church and church school services, and, in response to demand, a resume of the sermon of the previous Sunday. Contract has been let for the reshingling of the parish house roof. This church took a leading part in organizing and promoting a religious census and also a church council for Antioch and an inter-community church council for work at Camp Stoneman. Rev. William R. Steininger, the pastor, is chairman of community recreation for service men in Antioch.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. Attendance at the newly-begun "church" service is small but encouraging. Youth activities under the direction of Lewis Whitehead are off to a good start for the fall season. Mr. Herbert Dimock, the director, reports that the financial campaign this year is already ahead of expectations, though not yet completed. The fact that the House has been opened to Red Cross and Civilian Defense classes has made many more people in the district aware of its existence and service.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Three events marked the observance of the church's 52nd birthday—Rally Sunday with emphasis on the church school; Old Timers' Sunday, with the Rev. Charles A. Stanley as guest speaker; and the birthday dinner. On the last-named occasion, Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave, on request, a talk on "Who Are These Congregationalists?" Mr. Maceo Pembroke of Pacific School of Religion was the soloist. Mr. Eugene Sill is pastor.

RIPON. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of this church is to be marked by a Home Coming Anniversary October 21, 23, and 25. There will be Children's Night, Social and Historical Night, and Home Coming Day, the latter to include the Anniversary Service, Family Dinner, and an afternoon of history and reminiscence. Rev. A. C. Hacke is the pastor.

SAN JOSE. At a setting-up conference twelve committees, through their representatives, reported progress and new plans. A total of thirty officers and committee members were present. Following a period of consecration, led by the pastor, Rev. S. C. Peabody, plans for the future were outlined, including building of unity and family support through church gatherings; improvement of worship and spiritual nourishment programs; adjustment of the Church School to changing needs including having the hour coincide with the church service, because of transportation problems, and high school and college students Sunday afternoons and evenings; more service to others, especially the men in uniform, and contributions to world service projects of the church; and, finally, a businesslike administration through trustees and officers.

BERKELEY, FIRST. A strong program for the 1942 season of church seminars has been arranged. These seminars will be held on Wednesday evenings for six weeks beginning October 14. They will be six in number: (1) "Old Testament Religion and National Crisis," Dr. James Muilenburg; (2) "Marriage in Time of War," Dr. Vere V. Loper; (3) "Philosophy of Life," Dr. Randolph C. Miller and Rev. Harold E. Hallett; (4) "Religion in Literature," with Mrs. Robert d'Erlach as leader and a different speaker for each evening; (5) "Congregationalism's Part in the Leavening of the Nation," with Dr. W. W. Ferrier as leader, and six different speakers; (6) "A Just and Durable Peace," Dr. John C. Bennett and Dr. Frank Munk.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach gave an inspiring message to start the work of the second half of the year of the Women's League. Reports on Loma Mar and Zephyr Point conferences were given by two young people. On the reopening day of the church school Mr. Henry Hayden, with his bride, who will assist with religious education work, were welcomed back, and also a new student helper, Mr. Clarence Stoker. Three hundred fifty people attended the family party on the evening of September 15.

FERNDALE. The Congregational and Methodist churches worshipped together during July and August, with the pastors giving alternate months of service. As a result, there will be union Sunday morning services once a month through the year. Episcopalian people also attended during the summer. Following a Sunday morning service, the pastor, Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, suggested a plan for placing subscriptions to The Pacific for all of the families of the parish for a year. This has been done.

RIO VISTA. Dinner and reception were accorded the new minister and his wife at the Rio Vista Church with cordial words of welcome. Five miniature sailing vessels decorated the tables and represented the five major organizations of the church, i. e., trustees, deacons and deaconesses, Ladies' Aid Society, Pilgrim Fellowship, and Sunday School. With this fleet of ships the church is to "sail on" under the command, leadership and guidance of the pastor, Rev. Edwin T. Sherman.

SUISUN. Rev. Henry Stauffer is supplying this church for the time being, spending some time each week in parish visitation. On the occasion of a recent visit by Superintendent Gill, four children and one adult were baptized. The church school has resumed its sessions after a vacation of several weeks during the summer.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

Remember: No separate meeting of the Federation in October.

ASSOCIATION RALLIES

As was announced in August, no Federation meeting was held in September. The time thus freed was to enable the different Associations to hold their own meetings and become better acquainted with the members of their own groups. These Association meetings also afford an opportunity for discussion of problems which may belong peculiarly to that group, and for which there may be no time in the larger gatherings.

CENTRAL

The editor asked the Association Presidents for reports on their fields and has had almost 100 per cent replies. The first of the Associations to hold its meeting, according to the records, was the Central Association. They met at Lodi on the 16th of the month. Delegates came from Stockton, Salida, Ripon, and, of course, the Lodi church itself. While transportation difficulties prevented any of the Angels Camp or Murphys ladies from being present, they sent their reports, so that all the churches of the Association were heard from—an excellent record. Mrs. A. C. Hacke, president of the Association, presided at both sessions, and Mrs. Scott Haymond, Federation President, was a speaker. The ladies were especially fortunate in having among their number Mrs. F. W. Gross, who, with her husband, now settled over the Ebenezer Congregational Church in Lodi, were missionaries in Argentina for some years. Mrs. Gross exhibited a most interesting collection of articles from that country, curios, costumes, pictures and lace; and gave a talk on the country and its people which her audience greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Hacke reports a smaller attendance than she had hoped for, due (as we are now so used to hearing) to the tire situation and also, in their particular case, to shortage of help in that fruit country. But those who did come were well repaid, and will carry back to their home churches the inspiration they received.

SACRAMENTO

Mrs. Arthur Clarke, of Sacramento, had no Association meeting to report, but spoke of a most interesting new project started by the women of the Sacramento Women's League. For some time past, these women have counted on raising fully half their budget through their project at the State Fair, "The Covered Wagon." But this year the Fair has been omitted, and that source of revenue is lost. Instead of wringing their hands, the women voted to get as many of the women of the church as possible to give five dollars, instead of the hard work put in at "The Covered Wagon" in previous years. Some of the women are earning this amount by working a day in the canneries. If there is a large enough response, says Mrs. Clarke, the League can meet most or all of its budget in this manner. We shall certainly wish to know how the plan works out.

UPPER BAY

Mrs. E. W. Benedict, of the Upper Bay Association, also reported on the general work of her women. Certainly there can be no idle hands among them. Besides their normal church work, which is no small item, they are busy trying to care for the new families in the various communities. The churches have become recreational centers for service men and their families. In addition to this, the women of the Pittsburg Community Church have been called upon to serve the five different luncheon clubs in that city. As these clubs are doing a fine piece of community work which would have to be given up if the clubs disbanded, as seemed likely to become necessary, the church women rallied to their assistance. It means that the women serve luncheons every day in the week except Saturday and Sunday. But, says Mrs. Benedict, "the frontier for home missions now is the community to which numbers are flocking in response to the war program. Every one of the churches is a missionary church in that respect." All honor to them.

SANTA CLARA

Santa Clara Association had its meeting the last Tuesday of September, too late for any report to get into this issue of "The Pacific." But Mrs. J. O. Ferris sent the program for what must have been a most rewarding meeting. The handkerchief shower, which is a regular feature of the Association meetings, was given its place. Also a part of the morning was given up to Thank Offering plans. It augured well for that Thank Offering service when it comes, that it was so carefully prepared for in advance. One feature of the afternoon meeting some of the other societies might like to use. It was headed "Information, Please," and Mrs. Ferris' note explained that it concerned the Home Boards. Quiz I was on the division of the missionary dollar, and Quiz II on the various A. M. A. projects.

SAN JOAQUIN

San Joaquin Valley Association does not hold its meeting until October 23, at Porterville, since most of the church organizations do not begin operating until that month. We may hope to have some echoes from that meeting in a later issue.

BAY

The Bay Association, like others reporting, had a smaller attendance than usual, and for approximately the same reasons. It was, however, also a very worth-while meeting. Our President, Mrs. Haymond, who has been making the rounds of all the Associations, was one of the speakers. She brought some valuable suggestions from the other meetings which she has attended. Among other things, she spoke of the "Information, Please" quiz of the Santa Clara Association, which has already been referred to. She said that she, herself, would have been hard put to it to have answered some of the questions regarding A. M. A. projects, but that Mrs. Ferris had evidently trained her women well in all such matters.

Intentionally or otherwise, the morning emphasis was on the devotional life. Mrs. Hammond listed Mrs. A. V. Dunn's beautiful Candlelight service, and the devotional we all so much enjoyed at one of our Federation meetings, "This is My Father's World," prepared by Mrs. T. T. Giffen, as ready now for distribution to any one who wishes to get them. She also emphasized a devotional prepared by Mrs. George Atkinson, suggested by a brief article in an earlier number of "The Pacific," and entitled: "Vitamins for Christianity." At the end of the morning, Mrs. Donald Gaylord gave a helpful devotional service based on "The Testament of Devotion," by T. R. Kelly, which has already been brought to our attention.

Through Mrs. Harley Gill we were taken to the Durham meeting, which we enjoyed without the heat and delays which have so impressed our delegates. In the afternoon, the Bay Association had a treat which, so far as this editor knows, the other Associations missed. Dr. Herman Swartz, out of his wide experience and with his usual clarity, talked on "Modern Religious Movements in Mexico."

Mrs. Haymond announced the October meeting of the Federation, which merges with the Annual Meeting of the Conference, as has been our custom for some time past. Full notice of this will be found elsewhere in "The Pacific." The Women's Luncheon will be held on Saturday, the 17th, and Pattie Lee Coghill will be our speaker. Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the Conference divides into several groups, one of which is the women's group. Our speaker at that time will be Mrs. A. C. Hausske, on "Experiences of a Missionary's Wife in North China." But let us remember that we are all members of the Conference, and not limit our attendance to the women's meetings.

ADDITIONAL NEWS FROM CHURCHES

PORT CHICAGO. A "Community Brotherhood" has been organized, a men's club of the church designed to appeal to all groups, which will meet once a month. The Pilgrim Fellowship has elected new officers, and is making a lovely chapel out of an unfinished Sunday School room. The Ladies' Aid held its first fall meeting in the new white kitchen. Church attendance has increased, the presence of Marines from a nearby Navy depot helping out. Mr. Sherwood Wirt is pastor.

SAN MATEO. The month of September saw the resumption of many activities which had been suspended during the summer—church school, young people's groups, choir, and clubs, and plans already made indicate a busy winter season. The women's Red Cross sewing group has worked all through the summer, however. A new church directory for 1942-43 has just come from the press. Rev. Sidney Buckham is the pastor.

CLOVERDALE. After twelve years of service, Rev. Harold S. Davidson has presented his resignation as pastor, to take effect early in November. Dr. Davidson was formerly pastor at Porterville and had a brief period as associate at Pittsburg. He has been an active member of the Rotary Club and is well known and beloved by church and community. He plans to take a rest after many strenuous years in the ministry.

NILES. Rev. D. Quincy Grabill has been invited to become pastor and begins his work on October 1. Mr. Grabill comes to California from Wisconsin, where he has been an outstanding pastor and for some years engaged in busines and farming. Under his leadership the Niles church should move forward and minister more effectively to the increased population of that community.

LOLETA. Not for many years has this name appeared in the news columns of The Pacific. Through the initiative of Rev. Robert B. Whitaker of Ferndale, a Sunday School has been started with an attendance of 19 the first Sunday and 26 a week later.

SEBASTOPOL. The pastor, Mr. James P. Senter, reports that attendance held up very well during the summer and is increasing. The church school is reorganizing into departments: kindergarten, primary, junior, intermediate, and adult. The pastor spoke at the Rotary Club in August, on "The Church and War," and was asked to repeat it in three other places, the Grange, the W.C.T.U., and the Women's Club of the church.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Word has come that the visa for Rev. Ivan Y. Wong has been approved by the State Department, and he will now be able to enter the country and take up his work with this church. The arrival of the Wong family from Vancouver, B. C., is eagerly anticipated by members and friends. The former pastor, Dr. B. C. Wong, is slowly improving in health.

SACRAMENTO. Rev. Torrance Phelps used the 93rd anniversary of the church, which falls on September 16, as the occasion of the opening "Happy Night" church dinner. A number of historical statements were read, and Superintendent Gill, who was pastor of the church at the time the new building was erected, gave an address.

PETALUMA. A large committee of representative people, planning for the progress of the church, as its first step sent out an invitation to the entire parish for the Worldwide Communion service on Sunday, October 4. Rev. T. T. Giffen is the pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Forty people enjoyed a potluck dinner and heard Rev. Ralph Conard speak on "The Church and the Present Crisis." Rev. Harvey Miller is pastor.

WOMEN AT CONFERENCE

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Scott Haymond presiding. Mrs. Albert C. Hausske, recently returned from the Orient, will speak on "Experiences and Observations of a Missionary's Wife in North China."

The price of the Saturday luncheon will be 75c. Reservations through the customary channels should reach Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, 580 Capp Street, San Francisco, not later than Thursday, October 15.

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